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Madam:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed March 1, 2002, please enter the following amendments and arguments. A Request For Continued Examination (RCE) and a petition for a three month extension of time is submitted herewith.

A clean version of the rewritten or added claims with instructions for entry pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(1)(i) is included beginning on page two of this communication. A marked-up version of the rewritten claims pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(1)(ii) is attached as Appendix I. A clean version of the entire set of pending claims pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(3) as they should appear following entry of this amendment is attached as Appendix II.